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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 80

Introduced by Assembly Member Gallagher

(Principal coauthor: Senator Nielsen)

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(Coauthors: Senators Anderson, Bates, Hall, and Leno)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 80—Relative to Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 80, as amended, Gallagher. Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day.

This measure would recognize June 2015 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, and June 21, 2015, as The Longest Day in California, and would urge all residents to wear purple on this day to help spread global awareness of the Alzheimer's Association's vision of imagining a world without Alzheimer's disease.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The month of June 2015 has been declared
2 Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month to help spread awareness
3 of this debilitating disease and the need to increase efforts to
4 combat its devastating symptoms; and

5 WHEREAS, The summer solstice, June 21, 2015, has been
6 declared The Longest Day, with teams around the world coming
7 together to honor the strength, passion, and endurance of people
8 facing Alzheimer's disease with a day of activity; and

9 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, a progressive
10 neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of
11 their memories and leads to mental and physical impairments; and

12 WHEREAS, This condition has become the fifth leading cause
13 of death in California as numbers have increased by 169 percent
14 since 2000; and

15 WHEREAS, An estimated 5.1 million Americans 65 years of
16 age and older have Alzheimer's disease, and another 200,000
17 people under 65 years of age have younger-onset Alzheimer's
18 disease; and

19 WHEREAS, Deaths from other major causes have decreased
20 significantly, official records indicate that deaths from Alzheimer's
21 disease have increased significantly; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2014, friends and family of people with
23 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias provided an estimated
24 17.9 billion hours of unpaid care, a contribution to the nation
25 valued at \$217.7 billion; and

26 WHEREAS, In 2015, the direct cost to American society of
27 caring for those with Alzheimer's disease will total an estimated
28 \$226 billion, with one-half of the costs borne by Medicare, and an
29 expected growth of \$1.1 trillion by the year 2050; and

30 WHEREAS, There is currently no way to prevent, cure, or even
31 slow down the progression of Alzheimer's disease; and

32 WHEREAS, Researchers in California and around the world
33 continue their efforts to develop scientific breakthroughs that could
34 one day bring about a world without Alzheimer's disease; and

35 WHEREAS, In recognition of the individuals, families, friends,
36 and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease; and the
37 researchers who are seeking a cause or cure; and

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of the efforts of the Alzheimer's
2 Association to raise funds and promote awareness to fight
3 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, thereby improving the
4 quality of human life for people living with Alzheimer's disease
5 and their caregivers; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
7 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
8 recognizes the month of June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness
9 Month, and recognizes June 21, 2015, as The Longest Day in
10 California and urges all residents to wear purple on this day to
11 help spread global awareness of the Alzheimer's Association's
12 vision of imagining a world without Alzheimer's disease; and be
13 it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
15 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.